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Sir:

In response to a notice of non-compliant appeal brief mailed September 12, 2007, an amended Section V, "Summary of The Claimed Subject Matter," is filed herewith.

In a discussion with Reginald Tyson, PTO patent appeals specialist, on September 26, he indicated that format of the page and line number references used in the original appeal brief, e.g. 5:5 for page 5, line 5, was objected to, and that all such references should be replaced by page __, line __. Mr. Tyson indicated that only the revised section, and not the entire brief, need be submitted. It is believed that the amended brief section filed herewith, in accordance with the discussion with Mr. Tyson, complies with the rule, and the brief should be entered.

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V. (AMENDED) SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER.

The page and line numbers referred to herein are to the specification; reference characters are found in the drawing.

The subject matter of the claims at issue on this appeal are to addressing problems in printing images on media having characteristics which vary from the nominal. These characteristics can include a print medium which is shorter or longer than the nominal length dimension. [Page 5, line 25 to page 6, line 6; FIGS. 5A-5C]

Claim 1 is drawn to a method for printing an image on a print medium [10; FIG. 1], comprising:

- positioning the print medium at a print zone [page 11, lines 19-27; 30, FIG. 1 and 202, FIG. 7];

- determining actual medium size and medium placement characteristics [page 11, lines 23-27, page 12, lines 15-21; 204, 222, FIG. 7] said actual medium size characteristics including an actual medium length along a media feed path [page 12, lines 9-14; 218, FIG. 7];

- using the size and placement characteristics, shifting an image to be printed relative to nominal size and medium placement characteristics [page 12, lines 21-28; 224; FIG. 7]; and

- printing the shifted image on the medium [page 12, lines 21-28; 226; FIG. 7].

Claim 11 is drawn to a method for duplex printing an image on a print medium, comprising:

- positioning a front side of the print medium at a print zone [page 11, lines 19-22; 202, FIG. 7];

- determining actual size and placement characteristics of the medium, said actual medium size characteristics including an actual medium length along a media feed path [page 11, line 23 to page 12, line 14; 204-218, FIG. 7];

- printing a front side image on said front side [page 11, line 32 to page 12, line 9; 214-216, FIG. 7];

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passing the print medium through a duplexing path to flip the print medium and present the back side of the print medium at the print zone for printing a back side image [page 12, lines 15-19; 220, FIG. 7];

measuring leading edge and absolute location characteristics of the flipped print medium [page 12, lines 19-21; 222, FIG. 7];

calculate shift parameters to shift the back side image to align with the front side image placement [page 12, lines 21-24; 224, FIG. 7];

print a shifted back side image [page 12, lines 24-28; 226, FIG. 7].